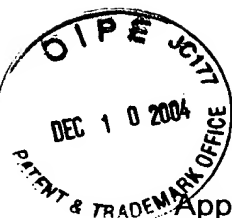




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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

The following amendments to the claims and remarks are being submitted pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.112.